**Directions:** The administration of President George W. Bush witnessed the nationalization and centralization of policy in major areas including education, welfare, homeland security, election administration, and taxation. In this assignment you will be asked to examine a few policies of the Bush Administration and conclude whether the administration’s continued use of coercive federalism benefitted our nation.

**Part 1: Education**

1. How did the passage of No Child Left Behind change the federal government’s role in education?

**Part 2: Welfare Reform**

1. In 2006, President Bush signed a bill reauthorizing a block grant known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF. What did this reauthorization mandate in terms of work requirements for welfare recipients?

**Part 3: Election Administration**

1. How did the mandates authorized in the 2002 Help America Vote Act change the federal government’s role in election administration?

**Part Four: Analysis and Conclusion**

1. Do you believe the use of coercive federalism is beneficial for the overall good of our nation? Why? Why not?
2. Do you believe any of the policies examined above would be better administered by the states? Why? Why not?